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In re Application of:

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Dear Sir:

**PETITION TO REVIVE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181  
IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT**

This Petition is being filed in response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed on March 12, 2004 (Exhibit 1). The Notice states that the above-referenced application has been abandoned for failure to respond to the Office letter mailed on July 24, 2003. In view of the remarks set forth below, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment and reinstatement of the above-referenced application with its original filing date of November 7, 2001.

On July 30, 2003, Applicants filed a timely Response to Election Requirement in response to the Official Action of July 24, 2003 (Exhibit 2), along with a Facsimile Transmission letter (Exhibit 3). The Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission attached as Exhibit 4 evidences that these materials were received by the Patent Office on July 30, 2003.

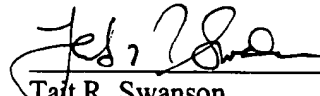
In view of these facts, a complete response to the Official Action of July 24, 2003, was filed in a timely manner, so the above-referenced application was not abandoned and should not now be

considered abandoned. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the attached documents be accepted and entered into the file for the above-referenced application. It is further respectfully requested that the Commissioner withdraw the Notice of Abandonment and reinstate the application with its original filing date.

It is not believed that any fees are required for filing this Petition due to the mistake being on the part of the Patent Office. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1315; Order No. ITWO:0016 for any fees which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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